

SPRINGFIELD MISSOURI POLICE DEPARTMENT
GORDON LOVELAND, CHIEF OF POLICE

Pollution Control

64283
12/4/77, 17.29
Oil spilling onto street
Rohrer

ITEM NO.
DATE AND TIME
OFFENSE OR EVENT
OFFICERS ASSIGNED

Jesse M. Gregory
2935 E. Avalon
881-6746

COMPLAINANT - AGE
ADDRESS
PHONE (HOME & BUS.)
VICTIM - AGE
ADDRESS
PHONE (HOME & BUS.)
PLACE OF OCCURRENCE (FIRM NAME &
ADDRESS)
DISTRICT (PLACE OF OCCURRENCE)
DATE & TIME OF OFFENSE
ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN
SUSPECTS AND/OR PERSONS ARRESTED

Arriving in the 3900 block S. Lone Pine, I contacted the complainant in reference to oil spilling onto the street. Mr. Gregory stated that he was driving his 1976 Chevrolet pickup on Lone Pine, and he came in contact with a large oil slick in the 3900 block S. Lone Pine. Mr. Gregory stated that the road oil splashed up onto the grill and the right side of his vehicle. He desired to report the incident in case there is paint damage.

Checking the source of the leaking oil, it was found that there was a large storage tank sitting at the rear of 3900 S. Lone Pine. This oil tank was owned by a William E. Evans, Rogersville, Mo., 753-2932. Mr. Evans was contacted by headquarters, and he arrived at this location in regard to the leaking oil. Mr. Evans stated that the oil that was leaking from the storage tank was due to vandalism which he reported to the police on 12/3/77, at approximately 12.00. Mr. Evans stated that the oil tank which contained MCO oil, which is a packing coat for the asphalt cover, had a 4½" plug removed on 12/3/77, by someone who had a pipe wrench to remove it.

Mr. Evans stated there were approximately 500 to 600 gallons of the oil that leaked from the tank before he arrived and plugged the spill. Mr. Evans stated he took a back hoe and built a dam to hold back the leaking oil, however the existing rain during this date, 12/4/77, washed most of the oil from behind the dam. Pollution Control Officer Harry Criswell, phone 865-1611, home phone 883-2730, arrived and viewed the situation. Officer Joe King also came to this location and took pictures of the dam that had been erected to hold back the leaking oil. He also took pictures of the oil that was running onto the roadway in the 3900 and 4000 block Lone Pine.

It appeared to this officer that most of the oil which was crossing the street in the 4000 block Lone Pine, was pooling up in a ditch on the west side of the street, and it was not getting into the main stream of water that flows south toward James River.

The Service Center came to this location and spread sand onto the area where the oil was crossing the street.

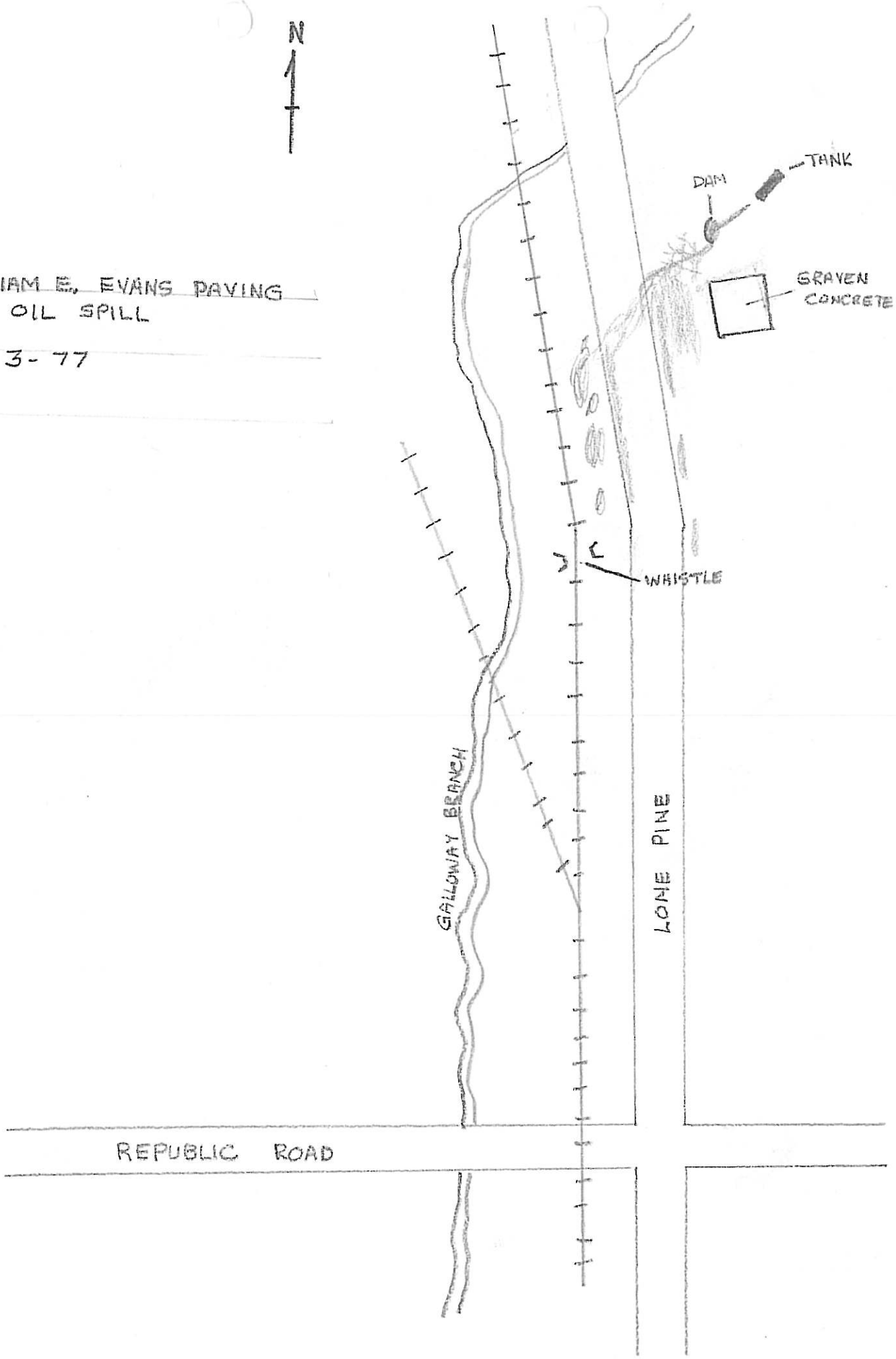
Officer Vic Rohrer
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3900 S. Lone Pine



WILLIAM E. EVANS PAVING
CO. OIL SPILL

12-3-77



CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION OF Memo to file

DATE December 8, 1977

DEPARTMENT _____

Re: Oil Spill, Wm. E. Evans Paving Co.

On the evening of December 4, I responded to the report of an oil spill in the 3900 block of S. Lone Pine. At the time I arrived on the scene, it was raining heavily and I could not detect any oil in the runoff at the site. I checked further downstream on Galloway Branch at Republic Road, and determined that the installation of an oil boom at that point would have been ineffective due to the heavy runoff. Upon returning to the scene Monday, December 5, Randy Lyman and myself contacted Mr. William E. Evans, Rogersville, Missouri, (753-2932) owner of the tank from which the oil had been leaking. According to Mr. Evans, the area has been plagued by vandalism for quite some time and this was apparently another occurrence. Mr. Evans stated that the tank which contained MCO oil had a plug removed on 12-3-77 during his absence. Upon his return he discovered approximately 400 gallons had drained from the tank. The discharge left Mr. Evans property along Lone Pine and settled along the west edge of the street and in the adjacent ditch. A small rise between the street and the ditch allowed runoff to puddle in the southbound lane. Drainage is very poor in this area. The berm of the Frisco tracks west of Lone Pine prevents any drainage directly to Galloway Branch. A whistle several hundred yards downstream provides the only access to the creek along this stretch. Inspection of the area immediately around the whistle revealed no trace of oil. Apparently none of the material entered the creek.

Mr. Evans was very cooperative in containing the spill. He stated he had used a backhoe to build a dam to contain the oil, however, the heavy rain on Sunday, December 4, had washed most of it from behind the dam. In addition, he had scattered several bales of straw below the dam to absorb the oil. It was felt that no additional cleanup was needed at this time.

We contacted Louis Cox of the Street Department concerning the street drainage problem. On 12-7-77, City crews corrected the problem by grading down the ridge on the west side of Lone Pine, allowing street runoff to drain to the ditch.

Apparently there was some foulup regarding our receiving notification of the spill on the date of occurrence. Mr. Evans stated that the police officer on the scene had told him we had already been to the site of the spill and had taken pictures. We were notified of the spill on 12-4-77, by the Street Department. It should also be noted that the officer on the scene had talked with several people who had driven through the oil in the street and had told them the oil would ruin the paint on their vehicles. Mr. Evans was advised to contact the offices of DNR and EPA to report the spill.

Attachment: Diagram
Police Report

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Gary J. Pendergrass
Gary Pendergrass, WPCI II

3900 S. Lone Pine